

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JANUARY 18, 2012**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney William Shaneyfelt	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was held for former City Engineer Kent Humbarger.

Approval of the Minutes. Minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council. Thereafter a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to approve the December 21, 2011, 6:50 p.m. public hearing minutes concerning the amendment to a portion of the zoning ordinance that references the text in Section 16.05.060(2) Hearings. Motion carried 7-0.

Thereafter a motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2011 regular Common Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Thereafter a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012 special Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Forest Park Students. Forest Park students Casey Linne, Katelyn Welp, and Olivia Steckler attended the meeting as part of their government and economics classes.

Welcome. Mayor Seitz welcomed Council members Gregory Schnarr and Earl Schmitt as well as City Attorney William Shaneyfelt to the first regular meeting of the Common Council.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report of the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on January 16, 2012. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Mayor Seitz presented a conflict of interest disclosure statement that was submitted by Electric Distribution Manager Jerald Schitter. Schitter is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency [IMPA]. This Board sets the rates for the power that the City of Jasper purchases each month.

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt explained when disclosure statements are needed and felt Schitter did not need to submit one. Clerk-Treasurer Boehm said during a past audit the State Board of Accounts recommended such a statement be filed.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to accept the conflict of interest disclosure statement submitted by Jerald Schitter. Motion carried 7-0.

Encumbrances. Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm presented a list of encumbered items from the 2011 budget that will be carried forward to the 2012 budget and asked the Council to have the list entered into the minutes.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to enter the list of encumbrances into the record. Motion carried 7-0.

1782 Notice for 2012 Budget. Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm said yesterday the City received its 1782 Notice from the Department of Local Government Finance for the 2012 budget. The City has until January 27, 2012 to let the DLGF know if we want to make any changes to that budget. The assessed value is 875,304,864 and the tax rate is .7345. The tax rate for 2011 was .7218. The loss of property tax revenue due to the property tax cap will not be known until the tax statements are prepared. The circuit breaker amount for 2011 was \$291,810.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt not to make changes to the 1782 Notice. Motion carried 7-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Becky Hickman attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. She invited everyone to come to the open house at the Arts Center this Sunday, January 22 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Leadership training program. Mayor Seitz said Phase I of the leadership training program will be funded with private funds. At the next meeting a formal presentation will be made and funding issues discussed.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 22nd day of February, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer